

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

REMARKS

In the Office Action of dated 23rd December 2004 a request is made to elect species as claimed in Figures 1, 4 or 7.

Applicant elects Figures 7, 8 9 and 10.

The claims that read onto this species are claims 1 to 13 and 22 to 23.

Applicant further proposes amendments to the claims so that the claims read onto this elected species.

Claim 1 as amended specifies that one of the fastenings is at the apex of a bend and another is adjacent to the junction of the bend and strut. This wording is supported by the description at page 8 lines 14 to 21. This construction is also illustrated in Figures 7, 8 9 and 10.

Claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 9, 12 and 22 are unchanged. Claims 10, 11 and 14 to 21 are cancelled.

Claim 6 is amended to more clearly specify the Markush grouping and claim 13 is amended to correct an antecedent. Claim 22 is amended to make it dependant upon Claim 1.

This election is made without traverse.

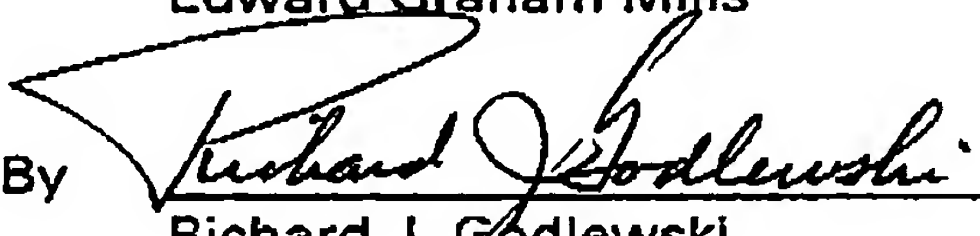
Although the foregoing discussion is believed to be dispositive of the issues in this case, applicants' attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner to further discuss any unresolved issues remaining after the Examiner's consideration of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

David Ernest Hartley
Edward Graham Mills

Date: Feb 4, 2005

By


Richard J. Godlewski
Reg. No. 30,056
(812) 330-1824

Customer Number
9896

(812) 330-1824 (phone)
(812) 330-9049 (fax)